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POSSIBLE AMENDMENT OF HEADING 85.28 TO PROVIDE
SEPARATELY FOR SATELLITE TELEVISION RECEIVERS
(PROPOSAL BY THE EGYPTIAN ADMINISTRATION)

(Item III.B.3 on Agenda)

I. BACKGROUND

1. Given the commercial importance of receivers of satellite television broadcasts, the Egyptian Customs Administration, during a Harmonized System seminar held in Alexandria, Egypt, in April 2001, raised the possibility of these receivers being mentioned in one of the one-dash subheadings of heading 85.28, considering the decision by the Harmonized System Committee to classify this apparatus in the same subheading as traditional television sets.

II. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

2. As indicated by the Egyptian Administration, the Harmonized System Committee has classified receivers of satellite television broadcasts in subheading 8528.12, regarding them as apparatus similar to so-called conventional television receivers (see Classification Opinion 8528.12/2). The Secretariat also recognizes the commercial importance of this apparatus, but since it has not been able to develop information on the relevant international trade volume it must leave it to the Sub-Committee to decide on the advisability of the proposed amendment.
3. To meet the concerns of the Egyptian Administration, which has proposed that separate provision be made for this apparatus at one-dash subheading level, the Secretariat has prepared the following draft amendment. In this draft, satellite television receivers are mentioned in subheading 8528.40, in pursuance of the Harmonized System Committee's decision that a period of 12 years should elapse before a deleted HS code number can be

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reused, which rules out the use of code number 8528.20 until 2008, and to avoid seriously upsetting international trade statistics.

4. Moreover, in order to make the classification of this apparatus quite clear, the Secretariat has excluded satellite receivers from subheading 8528.1, where they are currently classified; subheading 8528.12 has been renumbered 8528.11.

"85.28 Reception apparatus for television, whether or not incorporating radio-broadcast receivers or sound or video recording or reproducing apparatus; video monitors and video projectors.

- Reception apparatus for television, whether or not incorporating radio-broadcast receivers or sound or video recording or reproducing apparatus, other than satellite television receivers :

8528.11 -- Colour

8528.13 -- Black and white or other monochrome

- Video monitors :

8528.21 -- Colour

8528.22 -- Black and white or other monochrome

8528.30 - Video projectors

8528.40 - Satellite television receivers."

5. The Secretariat has also prepared an alternative draft amendment of heading 85.28 in which it maintains satellite television receivers in subheading 8528.1, more precisely in new two-dash subheading 8528.11. As a result of this change, subheadings 8528.12 and 8528.13 have been amended and renumbered.

"85.28 Reception apparatus for television, whether or not incorporating radio-broadcast receivers or sound or video recording or reproducing apparatus; video monitors and video projectors.

- Reception apparatus for television, whether or not incorporating radio-broadcast receivers or sound or video recording or reproducing apparatus :

8528.11 -- Satellite television receivers

8528.14 -- Other, colour

8528.15 -- Other, black and white or other monochrome

- Video monitors :

8528.21 -- Colour

8528.22 -- Black and white or other monochrome

8528.30 - Video projectors."

III. CONCLUSION

6. The Sub-Committee is invited to examine the proposed amendments to the structured nomenclature to heading 85.28.
